



St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: Rev. Laura Marie Piotrowicz
Organist & Choir Director: Barbara Butler

*To all who mourn or need comfort,
To all who are weary and need rest,
To all who seek friendship,
To all who desire to grow in relationship with God
To all who yearn to pray,
To all who need a Saviour, And to all whoever will worship,
This Church of St. John's opens wide its doors
and in the name of Christ our Lord, says - WELCOME.*

Heritage  Faith  Vision
St. John's - A National Historic Site - Founded 1753

Prelude: Suite No. 7 - Böhm

Opening Hymn: Processional Hymn 'Part of the Family'

Refrain: Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

You know the reason why you came, yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain, for we are a part of the family.
God is with us in this place, like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace, for we are a part of the family. Refrain

Children and elders, middlers and teens,
singles and doubles and in between,
strong eighty-fivers and street-wise sixteens, for we are a part of the family.
Greeters and shoppers, long-time and new,
nobody here has a claim on a pew;
And whether we're many or whether we're few, we are a part of the family.
Refrain

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine, but we are a part of the family.

There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call, for we are a part of the family.
Refrain

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: to you we open our hearts, and we share all our hopes, and
you know all our secrets. We ask for your Holy Spirit to help us keep
our thoughts and actions pure so that we can love you entirely, and
keep your name holy. We ask this through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray...

All: God of mercy, without you we cannot help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Jesus, who gives us hope. We ask this in his name. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (55.6-9): Hughie Fraser
Seek the LORD when he can still be found; call him while he is yet near.
Let the wicked abandon their ways and the sinful their schemes. Let them return to the LORD so that he may have mercy on them, to our God, because he is generous with forgiveness. My plans aren't your plans, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my plans than your plans.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 63.1-8 Libby Fraser

God, I ache for you.

Let me see you, see who you are and what you do.

Your love is better than anything else.

I can't help but talk about your goodness.

My whole life will be a reflection of your glory,
and I reach out to you.

Feasting on your nourishment,
I will always be grateful.

As I drift calmly to sleep at night,
I remember your blessings and gifts.

Gratitude fills my soul.

You have always helped me,
I am thankful.

I want to stay close to you,
for you help me to feel whole.

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (10.11-13):

Emmi Fraser

In this life, God gives examples for us, so we won't crave evil things like our ancestors did. So those who think they are standing need to watch out or else they may fall. No temptation has seized you that isn't common for people. But God is faithful. He won't allow you to be

tempted beyond your abilities. Instead, with the temptation, God will also supply a way out so that you will be able to endure it.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn #634 'Jesus, Remember Me' (3 times)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke (13.6-9).

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus told this parable: "A man owned a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it and found none. He said to his gardener, 'Look, I've come looking for fruit on this fig tree for the past three years, and I've never found any. Cut it down! Why should it continue depleting the soil's nutrients?' The gardener responded, 'Lord, give it one more year, and I will dig around it and give it fertilizer. Maybe it will produce fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

Celebrant: The Good News of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend Laura Marie Piotrowicz

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for God's people throughout the world, for our bishops, for all ministers and people.

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for peace, that fighting and wars will stop, that all people may learn to care for each other.

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our queen, the prime minister, and the leaders of all nations, that they may make wise decisions for the good of all creation.

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for people who are sick, hungry, poor, in prison or in any kind of trouble, including those named in our hearts and minds

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We thank you for all the blessings of this life, for everything we are thankful for.

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died, and ask you to comfort their families and friends.

God of love and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is constant in love and forgiveness. God welcomes us all to share in the holy meal. Before we are fed, we confess the times that we have turned against God.

All: God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace and joy of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us offer to one another a sign of God's peace!

OFFERTORY HYMN #504 'Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

All: Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we, who ask forgiveness, be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

Celebrant: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life. You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead. You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing: #735

THE SANCTUS

Celebrant: Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unending love. Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of our faith:

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood. Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honour

and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen #737

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: Together we pray as Jesus taught us:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

Celebrant: These are the gifts of God, given for all of us - for we are the family of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE COMMUNION #747 'Jesus, Lamb of God'

COMMUNION HYMN #179 'Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery'
(v. 1-5 and 6d)

Choir Anthem after Communion: 'Faith, Hope and Love' -
Pachelbel/Ogden

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who gather in your name always live together in unity and peace. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon each of you, those you love, those you pray for, and those you serve, now and forever.

All: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN #628

'O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High'

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Postlude: Var. 11, Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig - J. S. Bach

The Worship has ended. Our Service to the world begins.

NOTICES

A Celebration of New Ministry for Rev. Laura Marie Piotrowicz will be held here at St. John's March 31st at 4pm.

Music Announcements: Our featured guest at this week's Music and Meditation on Wednesday, March 27 at noon is soprano Judith Burdett who is joined by pianist, Barbara Butler. All are warmly invited to attend.

BAPTISM will be held on Holy Saturday, April 20th at 4pm. Please contact the Parish office if you or a child would like to be baptised.

First Communion Classes will be held with Rev. Laura Marie, for children in Grade 3 and up consisting of four-45 minute classes with two time options-Sundays March 24th at 1:00pm or Tuesdays March 26th at 6pm.

We are getting ready to produce the Lenten/Easter Newsletter. Please email our editor, Brian Kenefick with your articles cynffig@eastlink.ca no later than April 8th.

We are in search of people to fill in for vacations of the parish custodian and secretary. If you are interested in working part time during illness and vacations please contact the office.

LENTEN FELLOWSHIP Please join us at the back of the church for coffee and fellowship following the 10.30am services during Lent.

LENTEN CAFÉ, FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP

The annual Lunenburg Lenten Café will be held once again at Zion Lutheran Church the Wednesdays in Lent, from 11am - 11:45am. Each week, various clergy lead a creative worship and reflection.

Offering to the Lunenburg Food Bank
March 27 - St. Norbert's Roman Catholic
April 3 - Central United
April 10 - St. Barnabas, Blue Rocks

The Lunenburg Lutheran Parish would like to invite you to join them, along with the Rose Bay Lutheran parish, for their annual Lenten mid-week services. The theme this year is Voices. They have invited spokespersons from different communities within our wider community, to come and share stories which are frequently not heard. March 27, PRIDE April 3, Second Story April 10, Mental Health. These services will take place at Grace Lutheran Church in First South, Wednesday evenings starting at 7:00 p.m.

The 2019 KAIROS Atlantic Gathering, May 2-5 at Mount Allison, will include a public Mass Blanket Exercise with hundreds of people, a daily sunrise service and continuous Sacred Fire, elder care by Andrea Cofler, opening keynote and theological workshops by Executive Director Jennifer Henry, a Latin American feast with global partner Kelly Campo, an opportunity to delve deeper into a Stream of KAIROS' work (acknowledged with a certificate of completion) with the help of regional elders and guest speakers, advocacy workshops and more! Children's program available. 40 subsidies left. Details & registration: www.kairoscanada.org/atlanticgathering



Make plans to attend a Community Hymn Sing at St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Blue Rocks on March 31st at 7pm.

PRIMATE, FRED HILTZ WILL BE RETIRING ON JULY 16TH



As many of you know, the Primate (our beloved Fred) was rector in this parish 1988-1994; he will be retiring this summer. In honour of his ministry, we are collecting a special gift to be given to PWRDF (Primates World Relief and Development Fund). We have challenged other parishes in this region to do the same. We will happily collect your gifts for the Primate through the spring. Please mark your envelope clearly 'PWRDF Gift for Fred'.

OUR HERITAGE

A short history of the Parish of St. John's, Lunenburg (Continued)
In 1892 the church was enlarged by the addition of the side aisles. There were a number of competent imaginative carpenters in the congregation and the motion to retain an architect to direct the project was defeated and instead they elected to establish a committee of carpenters to design and direct the work. Since then there have been no structural changes in the church with the exception of the organ loft which has been altered to accommodate new arrangements of organ pipes. At the turn of the century brass became very fashionable and many beautiful brass furnishings were given as gifts or memorials. (To be continued)

By Heritage Ministry

Here are some suggestions for LENT

Lent should be more than a time of fasting. It should also be a joyous season of feasting. Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others. Here are a few reflections:

Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them.
Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of all life.

Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.

Fast from worry; feast on God's divine order.
Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.

Fast from anger, feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.

Fast from hostility; feast on non-resistance

Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal truth.

Have a great week.

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Roger Demone; 10:30 am Robert MacMillan

Lectors: 8:30 am Sandra Jordan, Roxie Smith

10:30am Hughie Fraser, Emmi Fraser

Greeters: Eadlin & Libby Fraser

Offertory Bread & Wine: Carol Andrews, Hughie Fraser

Collection: Emmi, Libby & Eadlin Fraser;

Lorne, Ellen & Leah Spence; Heather & Jim Eisenhauer

NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 31st

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Susan MacMillan

10:30 am Charlene Demone, Stephen Lewis

Lectors: 8:30 am Linda Macdonald, Carolyn Hogg

10:30am Stephen Lewis, Patsy Perkins

Sidespersons: Bruce & Louise Holdbrook

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